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Brampton-Gore-Malton MPP Jagmeet Singh thanks the crowd after winning the NDP leadership race on Sunday, Oct. 1, with a commanding 53.8 per cent of the vote.. (Twitter)

Peel MPP Jagmeet Singh wins federal NDP leadership

by **John Valorzi**

Brampton MPP Jagmeet Singh, who signed up tens of thousands of Sikh supporters and others in Peel Region, the GTA and Vancouver, won the federal NDP leadership on the first ballot Sunday.

The 38-year-old MPP from the Brampton-Gore-Malton riding at Queen's Park won an impressive victory on the first ballot, becoming the first non-white politician to lead a major political party in Canada.

Singh took 35,266 votes -- 53.8 per cent of the total, ahead of rival MPs Charlie Angus, at 19.4 per cent, Nikki Ashton at 17.4 per cent and Guy Caron with 9.4 per cent.

"New Democrat voters were looking for their version of Justin Trudeau," noted Richard Mahoney, a Liberal and former Paul Martin campaign strategist.

"But he's got a lot of work to do."

Singh is a stylish, photogenic former lawyer whose parents immigrated to Canada from the Punjab area of

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Dozens of sex assault cases wrongly 'classified', say Peel Police

by **Marco Patrone**

An internal Peel Police review has found that since 2010, investigators wrongly classified one in four alleged cases of sex assault as "unfounded."

Cases are deemed "unfounded" when a police investigation doesn't find enough evidence to justify laying a charge.

Some have criticized police over the high number of sexual assault investigations dropped for lack of evidence.

Sharon Floyd, an advocate for sexual assault victims, says the high number of cases deemed "unfounded" makes women feel their complaints are not taken seriously.

"The experience that women are having is that they're not being believed by police if their cases are going to be determined as unfounded."

Police reviewed more than 4,000 sexual assault cases in which around a thousand were originally been classified as unfounded.

The report finds that of those "unfounded" cases, 273 should not have been filed in that category.

Chief Jennifer Evans launched the review last February after media reports of large number of sexual assault cases in Canada being classified as 'unfounded'.

"I want to assure victims that we take every sexual assault complaint seriously. The review revealed that some cases in Peel were incorrectly categorized.

Through this process we have enhanced our training, policies, and procedures and have strengthened our relationships with our community partners," Evans said.

Floyd says the justice system is failing victims.

"Women don't feel the system is working for them and when they do disclose that they're experiencing violence, there is still no accountability to the perpetrator. It's too high a rate where individuals are not held accountable."

Since the review, Peel police say they're acting on recommendations -- including training on case classification practices and bi-annual audits of all unfounded sexual assault cases.

Floyd says the classification and administrative problems should not take away from the bigger issues of how sexual assault victims are treated by police and the crown.

"For me, that doesn't take away from the number of women who are experiencing sexual violence who don't receive the level of support that they require, nor the outcomes, or the justice they require.

She says she spoke police and is looking forward to taking part in audits of cases.

Floyd also thinks attitudes need to change as far as treating victims is concerned.

"We as a society are looking at women's experiencing of sexual violence and placing some of the blame on women, where they're going, who they're associating with, what they're wearing then absolutely, police are part of the that society and so we all have to be mindful of the biases that we have. I think officers need to also continue to pay attention to potential biases that creep into their judgment and their job," she said.

Man Charged with Attempted Murder, Human Trafficking and Firearm Charges

A man has been charged with more than 25 offences after Peel Police arrested him earlier this week.

22 Division's Criminal Investigation Bureau began an investigation after a 19-year-old woman was approached at gunpoint by a man on Aug. 3 in an attempt to force her into the sex trade.

Two days later, on Aug. 5, the woman's cousin, a 20-year-old man who lived in Brampton, was shot during an incident in the Williams Parkway and Fletcher Creek Blvd. area.

The victim was later treated at a local hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

After a subsequent investigation, police arrested a male on Monday, Sept. 25 for attempted murder and numerous charges related to human trafficking and firearms-related offences.

Chevan Dennis, from London, Ontario, was charged with discharging a firearm with intent, aggravated assault, carrying a concealed weapon, trafficking in persons, attempted murder, threats to cause death, forcible confinement, assault, theft and administering a noxious drug, among other offences.

Dennis was charged with additional firearms related offences, stemming from the human trafficking related incident.

He was held for a bail hearing and was transported to Brampton court this week.

Residents who may have information regarding this incident is asked to contact investigators with the 22 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at (905) 453-2121, ext. 2233.

Missing Woman in Brampton

Peel Police are asking for the public's help in locating a missing woman in Brampton.

29-year-old Sheryl Uwasomba was last seen on Monday, Sept. 2t in the Sandalwood Parkway and Heartlake Road area.

She is described as female black, 5'8" feet tall, 170 lbs., with a heavy build with short black afro-style hair.

She was last seen wearing a purple shirt, a tan spring jacket, tan pants, and white Nike-brand shoes.

Authorities and family members are concerned for her well-being, as she requires daily medication she doesn't have with her.

Anyone with information on Uwasomba's whereabouts is asked to call 22 Division at (905) 453–2121, ext. 2233.

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Cheryl Uwasomba (Photo Courtesy of Peel Police)

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Jagmeet Singh wins federal NDP leadership race with majority

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northern India.

His win Sunday makes him only the third federal NDP leader to win on the first ballot -- joining Tommy Douglas in 1961 and Jack Layton in 2003.

Observers of the NDP campaign noted that Singh made great inroads in ethnically diverse urban areas of the country -- Mississauga, Brampton, the GTA, and Vancouver -- signing up 47,000 new members to the party, many from the large Sikh communities in Peel, Calgary and Vancouver.

"This is a huge moment for people of colour in Canada," said Robin MacLachlan, an NDP strategist. "This victory means a lot to them."

New Democrats expect Singh to give PM Justin Trudeau a stiff fight in the battle for votes in the 2019 federal election in cities across Canada.

In Peel Region, which has never voted for the NDP federally, that could translate into an opportunity for the Conservatives. The Tories won many Peel seats in the 2011 election but were wiped out by the Liberals in 2015, as the NDP vote collapsed and moved to the Liberals.

Ironically, Singh ran for the NDP in the 2011 federal election and narrowly lost to the Tory candidate Bal Gosal before he won a provincial seat later that year.

In a short speech after his victory, Singh said he wants to embrace "the politics of love to fight the growing politics of division" across Canada.

However, he faces key challenges, from an anti-immigrant backlash in Quebec to a more than $5 million debt in the federal NDP that could limit their spending for the next election campaign.

Singh expects to contest the Brampton East riding in 2019, but until then he will have to lead the NDP outside the Commons unless he decides to run in a future by-election.

In his speech, he said he will focus on income inequality, pay equity for women, climate change and promote electoral reform that was promised in 2015 by Trudeau but dropped last year.

On the issue of precarious employment, he said many Canadians, especially in immigrant communities, "feel the weight of living paycheque to paycheque, knowing the consequences of falling short, letting your family down and losing the basics like shelter , food and education."

"That's why it's unacceptable our government tells people just to get used to unstable work," he complained.

"Job insecurity is unacceptable."

Malton plant expansion expected today

by **John Valorzi**

A Mississauga aircraft parts builder owned by an historic Japanese company is set to expand its Malton plant with help from the Ontario government.

MHI Canada Aerospace Inc. will hold a news conference at its Malton factory today with provincial Economic Development Minister Brad Duguid to announce the company's growth and investment plans, which are likely to add new jobs to the 750-employee factory.

Jennifer Sprout, communications co-ordinator with the company, would not provide details of today's announcement, but said in an email to Peel Daily News that "any investment into the company will allow for equipment upgrades, more training capabilities and new hires."

Duguid's presence suggests the province will kick in part of the investment though details are sketchy on how much before today's event. Traditionally, the Liberal government provides up to 10 per cent of an investment's value in grants.

It recently gave $5.2 million through the Jobs and Prosperity Fund to Cyclone Manufacturing to help the company expand its Mississauga aerospace parts plants in an overall $65 million investment.

The four-year-old jobs fund, financed in recent budgets from Finance Minister Charles Sousa, the Mississauga South MPP, is a key part of the Liberals' economic development strategy. It also underpins government "partnerships" with business to grow the economy and boost productivity and competitiveness.

Since 2013, the jobs fund has invested more than $600 million in two dozen projects, leveraging more than $6.3 billion in private sector investment. Those projects have created or retained more than 33,900 jobs in tech, automotive, aerospace and other sectors.

MHI Canada is a member of the Mississauga Board of Trade and a unit of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, a big aircraft and parts maker and shipyard operator with nearly 82,000 employees around the world. The 11-year-old Mississauga plant on Northwest Drive is just minutes from Pearson Airport and is the global company's only big aircraft plant outside Japan.

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries was founded in 1934 and its aircraft unit is best known for building the famous Japanese A6M Zero warplane used on carriers in the Imperial Japanese Navy throughout the Second World War.

The MHI Canada expansion is good news for Mayor Bonnie Crombie who has promoted the city and its aerospace cluster tirelessly during two trade missions to Japan.

The latest wrapped up Friday, but last year the mayor visited Mitsubishi's massive Nagoya aircraft plant which produces wings for the Boeing 787 airliner.

She also visited a number of Japanese suppliers of MHI Canada and encouraged them to expand in Mississauga as part of the company's global supply chain.

During Crombie's visit to the giant aircraft plant, Mitsubishi executives told her the Mississauga operation is attractive to the parent company because of the highly skilled workforce in Malton, allowing for precision engineering and skilled tooling and machining needed for exact tolerances required by the global aircraft industry.

The Mississauga plant, headed by Canadian unit president Michael McCarthy, manufactures the wing of the Bombardier Global Express aircraft, a jet used by regional airlines around the world.

It also builds parts for Bombardier's Challenger business jet. On the factory floor, MHI technicians build and join wing assemblies and fuselage centre sections and instal and test flight control systems.

The plant has doubled its workforce to 750 since it opened in 2006 and recently developed an apprenticeship program for young people to boost skills and train for future jobs with the company. Last year, 22 applicants successfully completed the program and 21 were hired into full-time positions at the factory.

Former Mississauga mayor Hazel McCallion spent years courting Japanese companies to invest in the city as she tried to promote the GTA's educated workforce and use Canada's biggest airport as a lure to help build an aerospace cluster of advanced manufacturing companies.

The Mitsubishi Heavy Industry plant, located in Malton, as seen in this undated photo. (File Photo)

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Will Trump tax cuts pressure Trudeau's "tax fairness" plan?

John Valorzi
Columnist

As Justin Trudeau tries to build national political support for his "tax fairness" agenda, he's coming under more pressure to back down now that U.S. President Donald Trump has unveiled his own plan to cut corporate taxes nearly in half.

Trudeau meets the premiers next week and many provincial leaders oppose the federal Liberals' plan to change rules around small business taxes.

The effort is a key Liberal priority meant to make the tax system fairer for the middle class -- and raise another $5 billion to $7 billion annually.

But the plan has been derided by critics as just another tax grab by the hyper-spending Liberals.

The Mississauga Board of Trade has led local lobbying efforts to force Ottawa to scrap the idea, which board president and CEO David Wojcik calls "dangerous proposed legislation."

The board has launched a full lobbying campaign for its 1,500 members, including town halls and round tables, to fight Trudeau's tax ideas.

Trudeau's planned tax changes are a key issue for Mississauga, since 97 per cent of the 86,000 companies in the city are mom and pop shops and other small operators who could be affected by the new tax rules.

On the other hand, the city could also be affected by the new Trump tax policies since it is the headquarters of up to 50 Canadian subsidiaries of Fortune 500 American companies.

On the Trudeau tax plan, the federal Conservatives, some provincial premiers and business groups like the national chamber of commerce and CFIB have rejected the idea as a tax hike on entrepreneurs that could badly damage the economy.

On Thursday, another pro-business group added its voice to the national debate, saying that the looming Trump corporate tax cuts should persuade Finance Minister Bill Morneau that he is better off to lower Canadian corporate taxes just to remain competitive.

In a Viewpoint column, the Montreal Economic Institute says Ottawa could lower federal corporate taxes from the current 15 per cent to 10.5 per cent to help counter the proposed U.S. tax changes and remain competitive.

Trump is looking to lower the federal corporate tax rate in the United States from 35 per to 20 per cent.

If the plan is passed by Congress, Canada's tax competitiveness would be substantially reduced, affecting corporate investment decisions and perhaps convincing some U.S.-owned companies in Canada to move back home to help their bottom line.

Overall, the highest combined (federal and provincial) marginal corporate tax rate in Canada is currently 31 per cent.

"If Trump goes ahead with this reform, and Ottawa sits on its hands, there will be serious consequences for Canada's corporations, and especially for its workers, who would suffer a large part of the negative effects since investment and the demand for labour in Canada would decrease," argued Mathieu Bédard, an MEI economist and author of the Viewpoint.

Bédard argued that to protect workers, Ottawa could abolish its top income tax rate of 15 per cent and maintain only the lower rate of 10.5 per cent, which now applies exclusively to small firms.

This would bring Canadian policy more in line with the proposed reform in the United States, and would help preserve Canada's tax competitiveness.

"Ottawa has an interest in taking the lead and adopting such a measure, regardless of what happens with American tax reform," he said. "The introduction of a proportional corporate tax would promote business growth, whereas the existence of multiple (i.e., progressive) rates of taxation tends to discourage it."

The Montreal Economic Institute is an independent think tank that backs free market solutions to public policy problems.

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New Brampton U could focus on cyber security, says Jeffrey

There are almost no details about the planned new university in Brampton, but it looks likely the school will pay lots of attention to research and educating experts in high-tech security.

Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey says that in her meetings with Ryerson, which leads the project with Sheridan College, she's getting broad ideas that cyber protection will be a focus of the new school.

The university's location, size and overall scope won't be publicly announced for another two months or so.

"It's going to blow the doors off (everything) . . . when you see what Ryerson has planned," Jeffrey told a live town hall meeting on Facebook this week monitored by Peel Daily News.

"They want Brampton to become a centre of excellence for cyber security. That's not just computers, but it's food security. It's health care records, it's policing."

Mayor Linda Jeffrey speaks with Mississauga-South MPP/Finance Minister Charles Sousa earlier this year on a variety of subjects in Brampton, including a planned university in the city.

Computer hacking, corporate digital espionage information security and government privacy intrusions have become key issues for the global economy in recent years.

Demand for security experts has skyrocketed, most recently after Russian hacking to manipulate the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Jeffrey said future Brampton U-trained cyber grads could one day help in fighting IT security threats.

"Imagine how Peel Regional Police can be smarter getting ahead of those people who want to steal your data or cause mayhem in you health care and food security. Those are critically important issues. Imagine how important Brampton will be to the rest of North America and the world when we can produce the kinds of graduates who can stop this in its tracks and lead the way."

The city has committed $150 million in public dollars to the project, which the mayor said puts Brampton "on the map" with other communities. The school is expected to start with 1,000 students but grow to more than 5,000 in a few years.

"I feel like I just won the lottery," said Jeffrey, a longtime supporter of the university plan.

In response to a question about transit, Jeffrey said the new university might also require local politicians to revisit their decision two years ago to cancel a northward link of the proposed Hurontario LRT.

In late 2015, Brampton council narrowly voted 6-5 to reject an LRT line to downtown Brampton.

That means the current $1.4 billion Hurontario LRT project will run from Port Credit through Mississauga along Hurontario Street and stop at Steeles Ave. in southern Brampton.

Jeffrey said a future council will have to re-examine transit options for the university, which will be based down town.

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Crombie makes pitch for more Japanese aerospace investment

Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie speaks to a Japanese media outlet regarding business and the city's trade mission on Sept. 25, 2017. (Submitted Photo)

Mayor Bonnie Crombie made a pitch for more Japanese aerospace investment in a speech at a trade show in Nagoya last week.

Her comments at the Aeromart Nagoya business-to-business conference were a key part of her trip. It's where 250 companies met to develop closer ties in the global supply chain.

"If you are an aerospace company interested in establishing an operation to serve North America, consider joining the many other successful Japanese companies that already call Mississauga their home," she said.

Crombie made the comments on day two of a four-day trade mission to Japan aimed at trumpeting Mississauga as a major cluster for companies in the aerospace industry and advanced manufacturing.

The trip is aimed at attracting more Japanese foreign-direct investment to her city.

"There are 330 aerospace businesses in Mississauga and there are 27,000 employees. We are the largest aerospace cluster by employment across all Canadian cities," Crombie said.

She also conducted meetings in Tokyo and Nagoya with government officials and business leaders with ties to Mississauga.

There are 300 Japanese companies in Canada, almost a third are located in Mississauga where there are "97 Japanese companies, more than any other city in Canada.

Japan is the 3rd largest contributor to the foreign direct investment in Mississauga (after the U.S. and Germany). You can see the sectors that are represented, largely ICT, automotive, life sciences, aerospace, logistics, and food and beverage," she said.

Mississauga's aerospace cluster is close to Pearson International Airport and is home to many of the world's leading companies including four of the 25 global aerospace companies.

The list includes Cyclone Canada and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, which attended the aerospace gathering.

"Mississauga has worked with a number of Japanese aerospace companies to help them establish operations in our city."

She went on to list the sub sector industries including 78 airlines, 34 aerospace manufacturing firms, 96 airport services and 123 services to aerospace manufacturers.

She also spoke about the city's low cost of doing business, its educated workforce, access to universities and colleges and its diversity of cultures and languages.

"We're also a knowledge rich talent pool. We have highly skilled, highly trained labour force. 19% of Mississauga's workforce specializes in STEM, science, technology, engineering and mathematics," she said.

"As I mentioned, we have a highly trained, highly skilled workforce where 66% of our population have post secondary degrees, certificates or diplomas."

Crombie says she's committed to growing the city's cultural and economic ties to the city, adding this year is the 36th year anniversary of "Mississauga's one and only sister city, Kariya, Japan."

She also visited Kariya during the trip, which ended Friday.

FCA plant in Brampton hit with $140,000 fine after worker injured in 2015 accident

Automaker FCA Canada Inc., one of Brampton's biggest industrial employers, has been slapped with a $140,000 fine after one of its workers was hurt in an accident two years ago.

The fine comes after the unit of global auto giant Fiat Chrysler Automobiles pleaded guilty in Brampton court last week to occupational health and safety offences linked to an accident in which the worker received head injuries when bolts failed on a transfer press under maintenance.

A Labour Ministry statement said the incident took place July 26, 2015, at the automaker's assembly plant on Williams Parkway in eastern Brampton.

A worker was performing annual maintenance on a transfer press -- a machine used to make car door and fender panels.

The worker and two helpers were removing bolts connecting a clutch plate to other components when two bolts fractured and were ejected at high velocity.

One worker was struck in the head by a clutch spring assembly, lost consciousness and was injured.

The ministry investigation found that each time the press completed a cycle, a force was applied to the clutch spring assemblies that could separate the bolt connections.

Because the force was applied repeatedly, the bolts progressively deteriorated and eventually fractured.

The automaker pleaded guilty for failing to take every precaution reasonable to protect a worker from the ejection of parts from the transfer press during maintenance - a violation of the province's Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Beside the $140,000 fine the court also imposed a 25-percent victim fine surcharge as required by the Provincial Offences Act.

A union official says the Chrysler assembly plant has a good safety record and any problems or complaints go through a union-company committee review aimed at keeping various moving mechanical systems as safe as possible.

"We've got a joint health and safety committee that's pretty well respected (in the plant) and even by the Ministry of Labour," said Jaspal Brar, president of Unifor Local 1285, which represents unionized employees at the factory.

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Mississauga endorses OMB reform bill

by **Alex Gregory**

Members of the Planning and Development Committee announced Tuesday afternoon that they had endorsed a bill which will replace the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

The committee said that they had agreed with the Ontario government's legislation on Bill 139 – the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, which will change the land use planning appeal system in Ontario.

The move comes after the province held a series of public workshops over the last year to ask residents in municipalities how to best replace the system, which was criticized for putting too much power in the hands of developers and the province as opposed to local towns and cities.

Among other changes, the Bill proposes to amend the Planning Act to only allow appeals to the Tribunal where a Council decision fails to conform to a policy statement or is inconsistent with a provincial or upper-tier plan.

The Bill would also expand the types of matters that are exempt from appeal.

The staff report includes a recommendation that the Mayor or designate convey support for the Bill and provide comments to the Standing Committee.

Mayor Bonnie Crombie said that the bill will be a great help in shaping land use planning at the local level.

"It is time that municipalities strengthen our authority to make local land use planning decisions. The proposed amendments align well with our efforts to build a great city that respects and preserves the natural environment as it continues to change and grow," she said.

The report also recommended that comments related to clarifying several aspects of the bill, including transition provisions to avoid a large number of appeals and climate change policy requirements, be submitted for review by the city.

The recommendations will be brought to Mississauga council for approval on Oct. 11.

"People should have a better, faster, more accessible and affordable process for appealing land use decisions," said city manager Janice Baker in a statement Tuesday.

"Municipalities know their communities and understand local land use issues. Bill 139 puts the responsibility for good planning where it belongs, in the hands of local decision makers."

Brampton Hospital Overcrowding a "Crisis", say NDP

by **Alex Gregory**

Overcrowding at Brampton Civic Hospital has reached a crisis with occupancy rates exceeding 100%, says the provincial NDP.

At a roundtable Wednesday in Brampton, NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said patients are waiting for days on stretchers to get a hospital room.

"This is a crisis situation that needs to be addressed by the government," she said.

The party tabled government documents showing Brampton Civic has had a 100% or greater occupancy in its Acute Care unit from January to May 2017.

Sunanda Dhanna told the gathering she was recently a patient at the hospital and spent two-and-a-half days on a stretcher in various hallways throughout the hospital.

"It was completely humiliating and frustrating," said Dhanna.

She claims she was ignored by staffers, not fed for a day-and-a-half and had no privacy.

"As a nurse, I know you're supposed to provide the utmost care for your patients," she said. "I want to help other patients who couldn't help themselves."

Horwath said that Dhanna's situation is one of many, and is indicative of the Liberal Government's current health care funding policies.

"Hospitals shouldn't be running at over 85% capacity," she said. "It has an impact on (patients') well-being... on their dignity."

Brampton Civic Hospital currently employs 4,100 people and currently serves about 500,000 residents in Brampton and the surrounding areas.

In its 2017 budget, the Wynne government committed an additional $9 billion toward new hospital construction projects across the province.

But it also froze hospital operating budgets for years, and cut thousands of nurses and other front-line workers to save money.

The government says its hospital building would bring Ontario's total planned investment in hospital infrastructure to more than $20 billion over the next 10 years to address "a growing demand for health care services and a need for innovative models of care."

Lori Leckie (left) speaks during a roundtable discussion with NDP Leader Andrea Horwath on Sept. 27, 2017. (Photo by Alex Gregory)

Horwath says the current shortfall in the $53-billion health budget is the result of 'cuts.' That message will likely form a major part of the NDP campaign for the spring election next June 7.

She is expected to demand more funding for seniors health, more front-line workers and a restoration of past cuts.

Another recent patient, Jamie-Lee Ball, says she went to Brampton Civic after having complications from abdominal surgery and subsequently spent five days being shuffled between hallways in a stretcher.

Ball says she waited two-and-a-half days before receiving food from staff, suffered from internal bleeding and shared a single public washroom with other patients while pulling an IV around with her.

"This is a hospital that's close to home for us," she said. "The overcapacity is a huge concern."

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PDN BUSINESS

Bains visits Mississauga school to tout free computer plan

by **John Valorzi**

Peel Region MP and cabinet minister Navdeep Bains went to a Mississauga school to mark the delivery of 1.5 million refurbished computer to schools across Canada under a 24-year-old program aimed at raising tech skills and cleaning up the environment.

Mississauga-Malton Liberal MP Bains, the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, celebrated the delivery of the 1.5 millionth computer under the program at a special event at Homelands Sr. public school near the Sheridan Park technology business park in southwestern Mississauga.

Bains praised the Computers for Schools program, which was founded in 1993 to boost tech literacy and help stop old equipment from being dumped in landfills.

"This is a big milestone, and it marks another important step in creating the innovation culture that will sustain our job growth and ensure our success in the digital age," he said.

"We especially need more women and other under-represented groups to learn the digital skills they need for the jobs of the future. Canada will only succeed if we use everybody's talents to their full potential."

Computers for Schools was started in 1993 by Industry Canada and its partners, and has donated 1.5 million refurbished computers nationwide.

In 2015, Ottawa provided $2 million to expand the program to include non-profits who help poor people and new Canadians with access to refurbished equipment.

A charity called Renewed Computer Technology, or RCT, runs the CFS program, which refurbishes computers donated from government, private business and individuals to be used by schools, libraries, non-profits and native communities.

Shauna McCaffrey, executive director of RCT, said the program has helped boost "advanced skills and creativity" at schools across the country.

"RCT is proud do have delivered over 458,400 computers throughout Ontario, in addition to the 3,093 laptops to Syrian refugee families as part of the #WelcomeRefugees initiative, to enable them to achieve and gain the skills that are needed to succeed in the workplace, in the classroom, and in their communities," she said.

Minister Navdeep Bains and Mississauga-Lakeshore MP Sven Spengemann greet students at Homelands Senior Public School during an event on Sept. 29, 2017. (Submitted Photos)

Ovarian cancer drug gets provincial funding

Two Mississauga pharmaceutical companies hit important marks recently to advance their key drugs in the Canadian market.

AstraZeneca Canada revealed that the pan-Canadian oncology drug review overwhelmingly backed provincial funding for the company's Lynparza drug treatment for ovarian cancer, setting the stage for talks to get the drug listed on provincial health plans.

Meanwhile, Gilead Sciences Canada Inc. said Health Canada has granted a notice of compliance for its Epclusa drug to treat adults with the chronic hepatitis C virus to include patients also infected with HIV-1.

At AstraZeneca, the company said it applauds the decision by the cancer drug review board, noting that this comes as a reflection of the strong clinical evidence on the effectiveness of Lynparza to treat some ovarian cancer patients.

The board is a cancer drug review group that tries to help Canada's provinces and territories and guiding their drug funding decisions.

"This is a great step forward for Canadian women living with BRCA (genetically)-mutated ovarian cancer," said Karen Heim,

vice-president of patient access and established brands at AstraZeneca Canada.

"Treatment options are limited and each day, five Canadian women die from ovarian cancer. We look forward to collaborating and expediting negotiations with the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance, provinces and territories to ensure rapid public reimbursement for Lynparza."

The alliance is a national body that helps province's negotiate broad drug purchase deals with pharmaceutical companies.

AstraZeneca says that since 2014, more than 45 countries have approved Lynparza and its use is paid by government health systems in many countries, including the U.K. and Australia. Lynparza was approved by Health Canada in April 2016.

Ovarian cancer is expected to affect 2,800 Canadian women this year and more than half of that group will die within five years.

Based on Middlegate Road in southeastern Mississauga, AstraZeneca Canada employs about 700 people in the country who research, develop and market medicines to treat cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, cancer and respiratory diseases.

It is owned by the Anglo-Swedish AstraZeneca multinational.

At Gilead Canada, the company said the Health Canada move will benefit hepatitis C sufferers.

"Epclusa has already helped further simplify HCV treatment among mono-infected patients, and we are pleased that HCV/HIV co-infected patients can benefit from this . . . single tablet regimen," said Kennet Brysting, general manager of Gilead Canada.

Gilead Canada is headquartered on Mississauga Road in the northern part of the city and is the Canadian subsidiary of American multinational Gilead Sciences, which employs 7,900 people in 30 countries around the world.

The company set up its Canadian unit in 2006 and the unit is part of the so-called "Pill Hill" cluster of global drug developers who call Mississauga and Brampton their Canadian home.

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Superior Propane expands its propane business with latest deal

Mississauga's Superior Propane has acquired a competitor to become the largest propane retailer in Canada.

The company, based on Century Ave. in western Mississauga, has received regulatory clearance for the $412-million acquisition of Gibson Energy's retail propane business called Canwest Propane.

Canwest provides propane to industrial customers in western Canada.

Together with Canwest, Superior Propane will be the largest propane distributor in Canada with about 200,000 customers, 1,700 employees across Canada and more than 250 combined distribution points.

"The combination of these two Canadian propane companies creates a strong platform and reflects the hard work and contributions of many employees from both organizations," said Greg McCamus, president of Superior Propane.

"We look forward to implementing our industry leading digital strategy to provide Canwest's customers with an improved service offering to enhance the great customer service previously provided by Canwest."

The company said integration of the two distributors will start immediately, but most of the work will be completed after the coming winter heating season to minimize disruption for the businesses and customers.

Superior Propane delivers 1.2 billion litres of propane annually.

Temple Hotels sells Alberta property for $9.6 million

Mississauga's Temple Hotels Inc. has sold an Alberta property for $9.6 million as the company scales back its presence in the weakening oil-rich western economy.

The hotel operator, part of the Morguard property group based in downtown Mississauga, says it sold the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites in Sherwood Park, a suburb of Edmonton. The money was used to pay down mortgage debt tied to the hotel.

"This divestiture is an important step in the execution of our strategic plan that will drive the long-term success of the company," said CEU Rai Sahi, who also heads the Morguard group.

"The opportunistic sale of this property enables us to meet our financial obligations while continuing to strategically diversify the company's portfolio and decrease our reliance on a single geographic market."

Sahi said the sale comes as Temple moves to limit exposure in Alberta, which continues to be impacted by the oil-related economic downturn.

He noted that Temple's second quarter results showed higher profits and revenues as the hotel operator refocused its business.

The company is renegotiating mortgage agreements with its banks to deal with mortgage deal violations primarily caused by the downturn in the Alberta market.

"We appreciate the support of our lenders as we continue to make progress that will deliver the long-term success of Temple," said Sahi.

Morguard, a diversified real estate giant, took effective control of Temple last year with a 39-pet-cent stake in the former Winnipeg-based hotelier. Since then, Sahi has been reviewing Temple's operations to find ways to boost the company's finances.

Temple operates 29 hotels across the country, including 13 in Alberta, with eight in the Fort McMurray area, heart of the oilsands industry.

Morguard, which has its head office on City Centre Dr. in downtown Mississauga, owns apartment buildings, office towers, hotels and other property across the city and GTA. The company estimates its real estate portfolio and that of its subsidiaries is worth nearly $22 billion.

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Employer sentenced to jail after worker injured

Ji Nan Li, carrying on business as Yi Yi Construction, was sentenced to 30 days in jail after a worker was seriously injured by a fall.

On Dec. 3, 2015, a worker employed by Ji Nan Li was working on the roof of a construction project located at 7 Burlwood Road in Brampton.

The worker was wearing a harness attached to lanyard, which was connected to a lifeline.

In order to move to a different area of the roof, the worker detached the lanyard from the lifeline and moved toward a different lifeline at the peak of the roof.

The worker slipped before reaching the new lifeline and fell nine metres (29.5 feet) to the ground, suffering serious injuries.

A Ministry of Labour investigation determined that the worker was not attached to the travel restraint system at all times as required by regulation.

This was in violation of section 25 (1)(c) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

This was Ji Nan Li's second offence under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

On Feb. 10, 2013, a worker employed by Ji Nan Li fell eight metres (26 feet) from a roof and suffered fatal injuries. Ji Nan Li was fined $15,000 for this offence on Oct. 10, 2014.

Ji Nan Li pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 30 days jail.

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Still Winless, the Steelheads Prepare to Tame the Wolves

by **Joe Snider**

Looking to bounce back after a tough 2-0 loss to the Hamilton Bulldogs last Friday night, the Mississauga Steelheads traveled to Owen Sound Saturday to face the Attack.

It wasn't to be.

It was the hometown Attack who struck first when Matthew Struthers beat Steelheads' starting goaltender Jake Ingham. The first period ended with the shot clock even at nine, but with the Attack ahead on the scoreboard.

The second period started slowly, but just past the halfway mark of the frame, Keean Waskurak netted his first career OHL goal to tie the game up at one.

Less than two minutes later, the first of a few defensive lapses allowed Maksim Sushko to restore Owen Sound's lead.

The second period finished up with the Attack ahead 3-1, thanks to a tally from Alan Lyszczarczyk.

In need of some magic in the third, the Steelheads came out with some added zip.

Shaw Boomhower netted his second of the year to pull the Trout back within one.

The momentum earned off Boomhower's second of the season, but was short-lived as the Attack responded with 2 quick goals.

Down but not out---the Trout started their comeback attempt.

First it was Cole Schwindt's first OHL goal that brought them within two, and then Trent Fox's first of the season made it 5-4.

The late fireworks were too little, too late as an empty net goal sealed the deal for the Attack. 6-4 final.

The Steelheads will look to get their first win of the season when they return home to the Hershey Centre on Friday, Oct. 6.

The Sudbury Wolves are in town for a 7:00pm start.

Senior Boys Peel Football Kicks off the Fall Season

Jacob Page (Lorne Park Spartans) breaks a tackle during one of his touchdown goals in the ROPSSAA season opener. (Photo Courtesy of Christine Birch)

by **Brendan Lang**

Senior boys Tier 1 ROPSSAA (Region of Peel Secondary School Athletic Association) football kicked off last week.

It all went down on Friday (Sept. 22).

Lorne Park (1-0) took on St. Marguerite d'Youvill (0-1). Lorne Park came out on top, 29-0.

Lorne Park travels to David Suzuki for their next game this Friday, Sept. 29 and Marguerite d'Youville goes to Mount Carmel.

St. Roch (0-1) was playing in the second half of Friday Night Lights at St. Marcellinus (1-0).

St. Marcellinus prevailed by a score of 20-10. Marcellinus now has a bye week while St. Roch takes on St. Thomas Aquinas on Friday.

Our Lady Of Mount Carmel (1-0) played David Suzuki (0-1). It was close right up to the final buzzer, with Mount Carmel hanging on to win 29-21.

In tier two, St. Martin (1-0) hosted Loyola (0-1) on Thursday (September 21st).

It was a lopsided affair from start to finish; St. Martin's winning 49-0.

St. Martin's next match up is against Clarkson, and Loyola plays at home against St. Joan Of Arc.

St Augustine (1-0) was in action against Harold M. Braithwaite (0-1) and Augustine was victorious 35-0.

St. Augustine now goes on to play Fletcher's Meadow.

St. Joan Of Arc (0-1) was also in action. They went up against St. Francis Xavier (1-0).

St. FX blanked them 20-0.

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NBA G League showcase returns to Mississauga in 2018

by **Joe Snider**

Raptors 905, the NBA G League affiliate of the Toronto Raptors, will host the NBA G League Showcase for the second consecutive season. The four-day, 26-game event will run from Jan. 10-13, 2018, and feature the league's 26 teams playing two regular-season games each in Mississauga.

The Showcase will have as many as seven games per day across two courts at the Hershey Centre and adjoining SportZone complex.

"We're thrilled to work in partnership with Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment and Raptors 905 to bring the NBA G League Showcase back to Mississauga," said President Malcolm Turner. "Last year's event proved to be successful on and off the court, and I'm looking forward to another week of great basketball and community events in the Greater Toronto Area."

Raptors General Manager Bobby Webster is also pumped, saying, "We couldn't be more excited to welcome the NBA G League back to Mississauga as the host team for NBA G League Showcase 2018. The Showcase is the premier event for the G League and we look forward to working with the League to host all 26 teams this season."

NBA G League Showcase 2018, the league's primary in-season scouting event, is expected to draw personnel from all 30 NBA teams.

During or immediately following the last 13 Showcases, more than 50 players earned Call-Ups to the NBA, including the Dallas Mavericks' Yogi Ferrell, who signed with Dallas from the NBA G League's Long Island Nets within a week of last season's event.

Ferrell, who averaged 22.0 points, 7.5 assists and 3.0 rebounds in 37.0 minutes at the Showcase in 2017, went on to earn NBA All-Rookie Second Team honors.

In addition to the full slate of games, NBA G League Showcase 2018 will feature several off-court events, including a women-in-sports panel, a coach's clinic and a chalk talk with referees.

Additionally, the Jr. NBA will return to Mississauga to host clinics for local children, while the NBA G League's School Day initiative will welcome students from around the region.

Hawks Swoop and Soar During Weekend Game

Quite the weekend for the Caledon Golden Hawks in the PJHL (junior C).

A laugher Saturday in Orillia, 12-1 over the Junior Terriers followed by a 6-5 OT loss at home Sunday at Caledon East Arena to the Wingham Ironmen.

(Saturday night, two Hawks had 5 point games. Matt Magliozzi and Mattiau Young both had 3 goals and 2 assists.)

Busy week for Bombers

by **Brendan Lang**

The Bombers (2-2-0) travel led to Brantford last week to play the 99ers (3-3-0) inside Wayne Gretzky's Sports Centre.

They returned home to host the Guelph Hurricanes (5-1-1) at Brampton Memorial Arena, then played against the Elmira Sugar Kings (1-5-0) at Dan Snyder Memorial Arena.

Brampton was coming off a 5-1 loss to the high flying, division-leading Listowel Cyclones (6-1-0) last Friday.

Scoring leaders for the Bombers are Patrick Del Vecchio and Ivan Brewer each with nine points, though Patrick Del Vecchio tops the team with 6 goals. Joshua Eisfeld has a 3.50 Goals Against Average while Travis Smith has a 5.00 mark. Both have played 2 games.

See tomorrow's issue of Peel Daily News for scores and a recap of the weekend games.

The Beast Rocked the Crowds at Annual Fan Fest

On Sunday the Brampton Beast, ECHL affiliate of the Montreal Canadiens and Laval Rocket, held their annual Fan Fest event.

Fans filled the Powerade Centre for the two-hour event, enjoying activities including autograph signings, a barbeque lunch and photos with everyone's favourite mascot, Boomer.

Throughout the event---fans, young and old were on the ice skating with their heroes, making memories that will surely inspire the next generation of Beasts.

The first home game of the 2017/2018 season for the Beast is a preseason tilt against the Laurier Golden Hawks this coming Saturday at the Powerade Centre.

Puck drop is at 3 o'clock.

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CASA begins season of arena-style soccer at Hershey Centre

Submitted Photo

by **Alex Gregory**

The Canadian Arena Soccer Association kicks off its inaugural season this past weekend, with an international match against Mexico at Mississauga's Hershey Centre.

The local soccer organization, which was officially formed this past June with a splashy press conference, is dreaming big and going for gold.

The association plans to bring arena-style, 6-versus-6 soccer to the local area, and has assembled an all-star team to do it.

Phil Ionadi (Oakville SC Academy) has the reins as general manager, while arena legend Hector Mariano is Technical Director and Team Canada all-time scorer Dwayne De Rosario heads up the association's pro committee.

CASA intends to complete on a national level through the creation of an Arena Premier League, which will be the first sanctioned semi-professional soccer league in Mississauga.

Team president Joe Vaccano announced his intent loud and clear to bring a world-class franchise to the city right from the get-go.

"We want to support a long-term vision of building soccer in Mississauga," he said during the press conference in June.

"We believe this is the right place, with the right history, to host the program."

CASA intends to challenge the reigning United States soccer team at the 2018 World Arena Soccer Championship, and intends to achieve that goal through "Team Canada", which includes a mix of experienced players, and the development of a Youth Arena Premier League at the Hershey Centre's Canlan Sportsplex for young talent in Mississauga.

Three weeks ago, the final 16-man team was announced for the inaugural match during a two-day combine workshop held at Hershey.

Top Canadian talent from from across the country were considered for the selection process.

In total, more than 40 players from across Canada, the US, Europe and South America took part in the workshop.

"I always knew that Toronto and its surrounding areas possessed a lot of soccer players with great ability," said National Team Head Coach Giulia-no Oliviero.

"They can handle the pressure and atmosphere of an international game and they are used to the field size and can adapt much quicker."

Ionadi said he was impressed with the overall speed of play, and said that they're playing at the level he was hoping for.

"The most challenging thing is that we lack experience now but the talent is definitely there," he said.

Players of interest that caught the eye of both the Head Coach and GM included MASL players Josh Lemos, Ian Bennett and Robert Renaud.

Other players of definite interest to be in the squad included midfielder David Guzman, forward Luis Rocha and former TFC defender Adrian Cann.

Mariano, who played soccer as a youth in Mississauga before moving overseas to continue his career when he was 18, said that the development of such a youth league was near and dear to his heart.

"Everything I have in my life has to do with soccer, and Mississauga has been a big part of that," he said, emphasizing that he wants local youth talent to represent the city on a world stage.

The Hershey Centre will serve as the headquarters and training centre for both CASA and Team Canada, with Litecorr Global providing LED displays for the site.

Tickets for future games can be purchased at CASA's website, casasoccer.ca.

Canada and the U.S dominate the J24 Worlds off Port Credit

At the 2017 J/24 World championships held on Lake Ontario last week, three Canadians wound up in the top ten, with Rossi Milev from the Port Credit Yacht Club coming in at number one.

The win for Milev and his crew is the pinnacle of a successful 20-year J/24 career.

On the last day of racing in brilliant sunshine Saturday, Argentina's Nicolas Cubria on ARG5499 Elvis won Race 8 handily in unusual and annoying 5-7 knot winds.

The other Canadians finished in the top ten overall:

In 4th place, Evan Petley Jones from Halifax and his crew on Lifted.

6th place: Ted Bartlewski (PCYC) and his crew on Drivers Wanted.

The 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th and tenth place finishers were all from the U.S.A.

Teams from Argentina, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Mexico and Peru also competed.

The J/24 is an international One-Design keelboat class and the most popular racing keelboat in the world, with over 5480 boats being sailed in 165 fleets and 110 countries.

The international J/24 Class Association is mandated to encourage, promote and develop amateur sailing world wide.

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The PJHL Prospects Day will feature the top 16 and 17 year olds from across the PJHL playing regulation games in front of scouts, fans and PJHL members.

This is an exciting opportunity for the league's top players to be exposed to scouts from Junior A, Junior B and Canadian Universities. Speakers from higher levels of hockey will also be on hand to speak to players about future opportunities.

The event takes place on Saturday, Oct. 21 at the Wilmot Recreation Complex in Baden, ON (1291 Nafziger Rd.)

Game 1: 10:30 AM

Game 2: 11:30 AM

Game 3: 1:00 PM

Game 4: 2:00 PM

Each game* will consist of a 5 minute warm up, followed by a regulation Junior Game (three 20 minute periods, with a flood between periods). MVP awards will be handed out after each game.

**Schedule of games subject to change*

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J24 Worlds start line on Lake Ontario off Port Credit Yacht Club

Top: J24 Worlds start line on Lake Ontario off Port Credit Yacht Club.

Top right and bottom right J24 World Champion Rosi ... pulls ahead of a competitor at the J24 World's at PCYC.

Left-bottom: Youth Sailors- left middle in no particular order: Rachel, Andrew, Patrick & David Benninger, Megan Gilbey, Addison and Hugh Davis, Mats Braaten, Adam and Ryan Clarke, Avery Hunter, Lucas Lochner Patrick & Thomas DesRochers, Scarlet, Alia and Kate Dennis, Ava and Jack Dempster, Andrew and Anna Chisholm

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Thanks to all the teams that participated in this year's World Championships!

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Sawmill Sid's: a treasure chest for those looking for unique wood pieces

by **Heather Doyle**

It may be National Forest Week in Canada, but every day is Forest Day for Sawmill Sid.

The fate of many city trees is sad and wasteful.

When they come down in a storm, or reach the end of their lifespan, municipalities pay companies to chip and shred them or cart them off to rot in wood dumps where they eventually end up in landfill.

But now at least some grand old urban trees will live on.

A program by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority has partnered with Sawmill Sid Inc. to mill the trees, and sell the wood to the public.

Wood rescued from historic buildings like the Gooderham and Worts Distillery, painted numbers from the whiskey barrel rack still visible, is also available.

This wood, some of it centuries old, can then be re-purposed into one-of-a-kind live edge tables, floors, stair treads, serving trays, mantles, beams, chandeliers and more.

Sidney Gendron of Sawmill Sid Inc. poses with a stack of repurposed wood. (Photo by Heather Doyle)

Sawmill Sid is located on Lakeshore Road in Mississauga, just west of Dixie.

"It makes me cringe when I see a good tree going through a wood chipper," says Sidney Gendron, who runs Sawmill Sid Inc. with his wife Sheila Storey.

"That's not the highest and best use of any tree... I'm hoping that mentality is going to change."

Instead he sees a more virtuous circle: a trunk turning into eight spectacular tables, workers paid for their craftsmanship, who in turn pay their bills and support the local economy.

Since opening a year and a half ago, Gendron figures they have diverted 6,800 cubic metres of wood from the landfill and trapped 6,800 tonnes of carbon.

"I want to take the model of what we are doing and replicate it across America," says Storey.

For those who love wood, it's a slice of heaven picking through pieces and imagining possibilities. Don't be put off by the dusty road in: Sawmill Sid's is a treasure chest.

Woodworker Bob Tier is a regular customer. He makes charcuterie serving trays he sells at Toronto's St. Lawrence Market. Today, he's here to get a custom order. A client wants wooden plates for her steaks. "Sid's a great resource," says Tier, "and he's just around the corner."

Corporations visit for team building – participants pick the wood, take turns milling it, and end up with a showpiece boardroom table they can use or donate.

"Milling a tree is always surprising", says Gendron, with unexpected shades like orange or pink, a graceful twist, or weird and wonderful burls adding beauty.

Gendron sees lots of condo dwellers looking for wood to bring a bit of nature to a stark modern space.

If you don't want to finish the wood yourself, Sawmill Sid's has a list of local woodworkers to help make your idea a reality.

"We're lucky because the Greater Toronto Area is one of the best sources of wood in Ontario," says Gendron.

It turns out the GTA is a perfect mix of old, established communities and large areas of park land where trees have been nurtured.

Talking to Gendron and Storey you get the feeling re-purposing trees is more than just a business. It's a passion, and a way to make the world a better place.

For example, the company donates wood to build Buddy Benches, an anti-bullying project, to Habitat for Humanity's houses, and is involved in a new project building canoes and snowshoes from Alectra's old cedar telephone poles.

Sawmill Sid Inc. won the prestigious Ontario Wood Award in 2016 among many other recognitions.

For Sawmill Sid and his wife, it's about staying local, a green footprint, and giving back to the community.

And of course, respecting the tree.

New animal oxygen masks donated to Brampton Fire

Last week, Derrydale Animal Hospital and Invisible Fence Brand presented Brampton Fire and Emergency Services with a special gift that will help the smallest victims of fires.

A set of five new oxygen kits to help animals who have inhaled smoke during a fire were gifted on Wednesday by Dr. Tim Zaharchuk (of Derrydale) and Jeff Moynihan (of Invisible Brand).

In 2013, the Brampton Veterinary Association and Invisible Fence Brand donated enough pet oxygen mask kits to equip all fire trucks.

The donation last week will outfit the new fire trucks recently put into service in the Brampton area.

"We're very appreciative of the donation by Invisible Fence Brand, and to Dr. Zaharchuk for facilitating this," says Regional Councillor Michael Palleschi, Chair of Community and Public services.

"Sometimes pets can be victims of fires too, and the donation provides the potential for our fire service to revive pets at the scene of a fire."

Each mask kit contains three re-usable masks in different sizes. The smallest masks are sized specially for small animals including cats, small dogs and rabbits.

The large masks can accommodate large domestic animals weighing 50 pounds or more.

Zoey the Boston Terrier checks out a new oxygen mask being showcased by Regional Councillor Michael Palleschi at a press conference on Sept. 27, 2017. (Submitted Photo)

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A Day in the Life: Touring Port Credit's Main Street

Peel Daily News' Sports Editor, Joe Snider, recently took a trek around Lakeshore Road in Port Credit to document some of the local businesses and sights.

Here are some of his favorite photos from the trip!

Left: Outside of My Secret Kitchen, which offers made-to-order dinners and meals.

Upper Right: Mary and the cooks at Bobby's Hideaway.

Lower Right: Dairy King, which offers ice cream and tasty treats nearly year-round.

Below: The historic 1936 "Kings' Highway" sign, near the corner of Revus Ave and Lakeshore Road.

On the Credit River with the Don Rowing Club

Coxswain Georgia Greenwood guides her crew of (l-r) Kate Breen, Maya Meschkuleit, Bianca Hill and Angelika Foksa to the base of the QEW bridge before turning around to head down the Credit River again. They will be defending the Club's title in the Women's Youth Coxed Quad at the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, Oct. 21-22. (Photo by Heather Doyle)

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Last week, Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services (MFES) received a donaton of nearly 900 smoke/CO alarms, which were donated by Enbridge Gas Distribution (Enbridge) to improve home safety and fire prevention practices for residents in Mississauga.

For the first time, MFES is also partnering with local Mississauga food banks to distribute the alarms to residents in need across the city.

(Photos by Alex Gregory)

Shop with a Cop in Caledon This Holiday Season!

Planning is already underway for the sixth annual Shop with a Cop event, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16.

Each year, several children from less fortunate families in our community are identified to take part in the program.

Each participant receives a Walmart gift card valued at $113 to purchase Christmas gifts for their family as well as themselves. The kids are treated to a morning of shopping with an officer, followed by breakfast with Santa Claus at Robert F. Hall where all participate in games and other activities.

The Shop with a Cop event, supported by the Optimist Club of Caledon, relies entirely on community support and involvement to ensure its continued success.

All donations go towards expenses associated with the program such as gift cards, food, supplies, and other giveaways.

Residents interested in contributing to this event can give donations in the form of food items for breakfast, gifts of any kind for children, or financial.

Residents interested in making a donation or learning more about this event should contact Provincial Constable Joe Brisebois or Provincial Constable Tamara Schubert at (905) 584-2241 or joe.brisebois@opp.ca and tamara.schubert@opp.ca for more details.

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Shops of Port Credit

by Alex Gregory

Private Moments

Founded in 1985, Private Moments Lingerie has been a mainstay of the Port Credit community, offering a wide selection of ladies' lingerie and matching undergarments from specialty brands such as Anita, Chantelle and Van Elle.

The store, located in the East Village, offers friendly service, quality, detail and style, with founder/owner Marion Klinnert building a large base of loyal customers who continue to visit year after year.

The store also offers a beautiful selection of swimsuits, cruise wear, accessories and almost everything else a woman might need for a luxurious vacation, get-away weekend or just for her own everyday needs.

Private Moments is unique in that it also offers Masectomy bras and swimwear from selected suppliers like Amoena and AnitaCare. In 2001, Klinnert became the first Mastectomy fitter in south Mississauga after having completed classroom instruction and the practical application of Amoena post-mastectomy products.

For more information, visit www.privatemoments.ca.

Classical Martial Arts Centre

The Classical Martial Arts Centre in Port Credit offers instruction for students from ages 4 to 104.

Martial arts training can help students of any age increase their self-confidence, mindfulness and physical fitness while instilling a capacity for self-defence.

Karate-do lessons are perfect for the whole family, while the study of Kobudo (Ancient Okinawan Weapons) is for adults only.

The centre has a focus on training for survival as opposed to competition.

This holistic approach allows the student to reach their full potential, applying ancient wisdom and action to both the body and mind. Call and register for a free trial class.

The Classical Martial Arts Centre is located at 201 Lakeshore Road East in Mississauga. Visit akai-take-budo.com or call 647-569-2836 for more information.

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New exhibitions kick off at PAMA

Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) has launched two new exhibitions this past weekend during Culture Days and Doors Open Brampton.

The featured exhibitons include:

Blue God and the Serpents: a multi-media exhibition by Brampton-basedartist Sharada Eswar and her collaborative team of Sonja Rainey and Rup Sidhu.

Conceived as a shadow puppet theatre, the exhibition tells the story of the 10 incarnations of Vishnu.

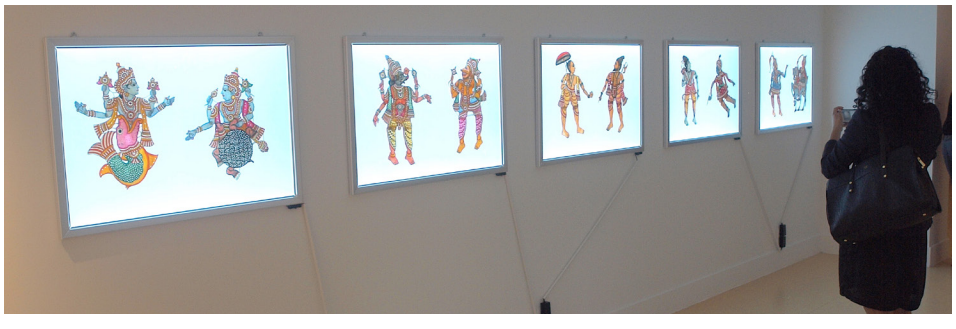
Peeling back layers, the project discusses imbalance on earth, untold truths, and deals with finding our own personal balance inside.

150 Muslim Contributions to Canada: An exhibit highlighting members and groups from the Muslim community and the positive impact they've had on Canada.

This exhibition was launched at MuslimFest this summer and now travels to PAMA, along with programming happening in early October celebrating Islamic Heritage Month.

"We are thrilled to showcase this travelling exhibition with our partners from MuslimFest and to share the dynamic stories from artists in the Muslim community in celebration of Islamic Heritage Month in October," says PAMA Curator Tom Smart.

PAMA is located at 9 Wellington St. E. Visit pama.peelregion.ca to learn more.



Culture Days Kick off in Brampton

Culture Days events were held this past weekend in Brampton and Mississauga, with many residents venturing out to sites throughout both cities to experience unique exhibits, workshops, activities and much more!

The public art ribbon-cutting for "River Drew Me Here" was held on Sept. 29 at Sid Manser Park, and officially kicked off the weekend events. The sculpture is in celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Churchville community.

(Submitted Photo)

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Small Business Month Seminars at Brampton Entrepreneur Centre

Brampton Entrepreneur Centre is celebrating another yearly event with Small Business Month, which runs throughout the month of October.

Small Business Month celebrates the important contributions entrepreneurs make to the economy.

With the support of our partners, events and activities will be held right across the City, promoting the valuable support and resources to help foster the growth of small business.

Primary Market Research Methods to Grow Your Business

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Do you know how effective your solutions or products are in the market? What are the competitive alternatives? Among competitors, what is their market strategy? Primary market research helps you discover whether you have a market for your product or solution and define the conditions necessary for your business to grow competitively.

Creative Exchange: Connecting the Arts in Brampton

Tuesday, Oct. 05, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Connecting artists, artisans and arts groups in all arts disciplines to discuss topics ranging from inspiration to initiatives. Learn more about the programs, services and funding opportunities available to support your creative ventures.

Legal Bootcamp

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Whether you want to start a business, or you're already operating a business, you're bound to come across legal questions: Do I need to incorporate? Should I trademark my name? Are contracts really that important? How do I prepare proper invoices? What should I do when leasing space for my business?

Awesome Marketing

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

There are numerous marketing strategies and tactics you can develop and execute but not all are relevant or meaningful to your customer and your business. A successful marketing plan foundation that results in sales is built on knowing your market, understanding your customer, and differentiating your offer from the competition.

Get Your Business Up & Running

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10 - 11 a.m.

This seminar covers everything you need to know when considering entrepreneurship. Various topics are discussed, including: basic requirements such as name registration, business structures, licensing requirements, insurance, HST registration, labour requirements and sources of financing and how to craft a clear and concise business plan.

Power Up Your Sales Funnel

Thursday, Oct. 12, 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Your sales funnel is the journey you take customers on from initial contact to the sale and beyond. Learn to optimize it, online and off, to get better, more consistent results.

Brampton Mastermind Networking Group

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 6 - 8 p.m.

The Brampton Mastermind Networking group is designed to inspire, motivate and educate entrepreneurs in Brampton and parts of the GTA to successfully overcome business challenges. Come discuss your challenges with industry experts and other entrepreneurs as the group helps your business to succeed.

Business Model Canvas

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2 - 4 p.m.

The Business Model Canvas is a tool that will help you to brainstorm your business idea and develop your value proposition. In this seminar, you will learn the steps to create your own business model canvas; develop your value proposition and learn about identifying your ideal target market with market research.

Start Strong: 5 Things to Focus on First

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Build a solid foundation for business success by learning what to focus on first as you get your business off the ground. Get clear action steps in the key areas of your business such as the value, marketing and promoting, sales, delivering the goods and making money.

Confab - A Networking & Learning Event for Brampton Entrepreneurs

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Unlike many networking events, Confabs are about people, not prospects. You'll meet like minded entrepreneurs and have amazing, authentic conversations about things that matter to you and your business in a lightly facilitated, pitch-free environment. And find potential colleagues, collaborators, and customers in a low-key, authentic way.

For more information and additional program information, visit http://www.brampton.ca/EN/Business/BEC/seminars-events/

Great Art for Great Lakes Launch

A new community art project was unveiled this past weekend in Port Credit that celebrates Canada's 150th anniversary.

Great Art for Great Lakes, in partnership with the Port Credit Library, hosted a launch event for "Mi Lake", a piece created by local artist Vanessa Logan alongside community contributors.

Logan asked participants to share photos or drawings of Lake Ontario. She transferred them onto pieces of sea glass and then assembled the sea glass-photo artifacts into Mi Lake, a triptych of three tall, rectangular columns in shades of aquamarine, blue, green and white, mimicking the water of Lake Ontario.

"I love the community's enthusiasm for contributing images to Mi Lake," says Logan. "Participants of every age shared great Lake Ontario connections, whether it was a distinct memory or a favourite view. It was an honour to collect and magnify those connections for Great Art for Great Lakes."

The Great Art for Great Lakes initiative has sponsoring similar projects in seven other Great Lakes communities, including Kingston, Hamilton, Thunder Bay and the Aamjiwnaang First Nation.

"We want to celebrate the grandeur and importance of the largest group of freshwater lakes on Earth," says Karen Kun, one of the organizers of Great Art for Great Lakes.

"It is crucial we connect with the Great Lakes so we can understand and safeguard them for our current and future quality of life. Local artists collaboratively created works of art with local residents to honour the Great Lakes, share their stories and mark Canada's 150th birthday."

PDSB encourages students to donate for Toonie Tuesday

The Peel District School Board announced last week that they will be encouraging its staff, students and parents to lend a helping hand on a regional initiative tomorrow.

All day on Tuesday, Oct. 3, funds raised from "Toonie Tuesday" donations will help support children and families affected by recent international natural disasters, including Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma and the earthquakes in Mexico.

All funds raised on Toonie Tuesday at schools and worksites will be donated to the Red Cross International Disaster Relief fund. Online donations will go to the donor's choice of Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, Mexico Earthquake or International Disaster Relief funds.

"With so many devastating natural disasters taking place in the past couple months, it's important for us—as global citizens—to inspire hope and help those in need," says Peter Joshua, director of education.

"We're confident these efforts will make a difference in the lives of affected children and their families."

Staff, students and families can choose to donate at Peel board schools and worksites, or make an online donation to the Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, Mexico Earthquake or the International Disaster Relief funds at www.peelschools.org/fundraiser.

Donations will help enable the Canadian Red Cross to send specialized aid workers and set up emergency field hospitals anywhere around the world within 24 to 48 hours of an emergency. Donations will also go towards supporting the provision of immediate relief and recovery assistance in the form of food, relief items, shelter and medical aid.

The campaign is completely voluntary, and any contributions are welcome.

Donations of $20 or more will be eligible for a tax receipt.

Online donations must go through the Canadian Red Cross web portals available at www.peelschools.org/fundraiser— please do not use the "Make a Donation" option in School Cash Online.

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Mayfield Complex completes renovations

The Mayfield Recreation Complex in Caledon has finally completed its upgrades on schedule and within budget.

The Town of Caledon announced the project's completion on Sept. 27, noting that the project had received grant support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTP).

"We were able to complete this revitalization as a result of the generous support from OTP, as well as the efforts of our Town staff," said Mayor Allan Thompson Wednesday afternoon.

"I'm very excited for residents and clubs who can use this facility again for minor hockey and skating."

Peggy Tollett, the General Manager of Community Services at the complex, explained the significant work that was undertaken.

"We were able to replace the old concrete floor, upgrade arena boards, refrigeration system, glass, and make railing and accessibility improvements.

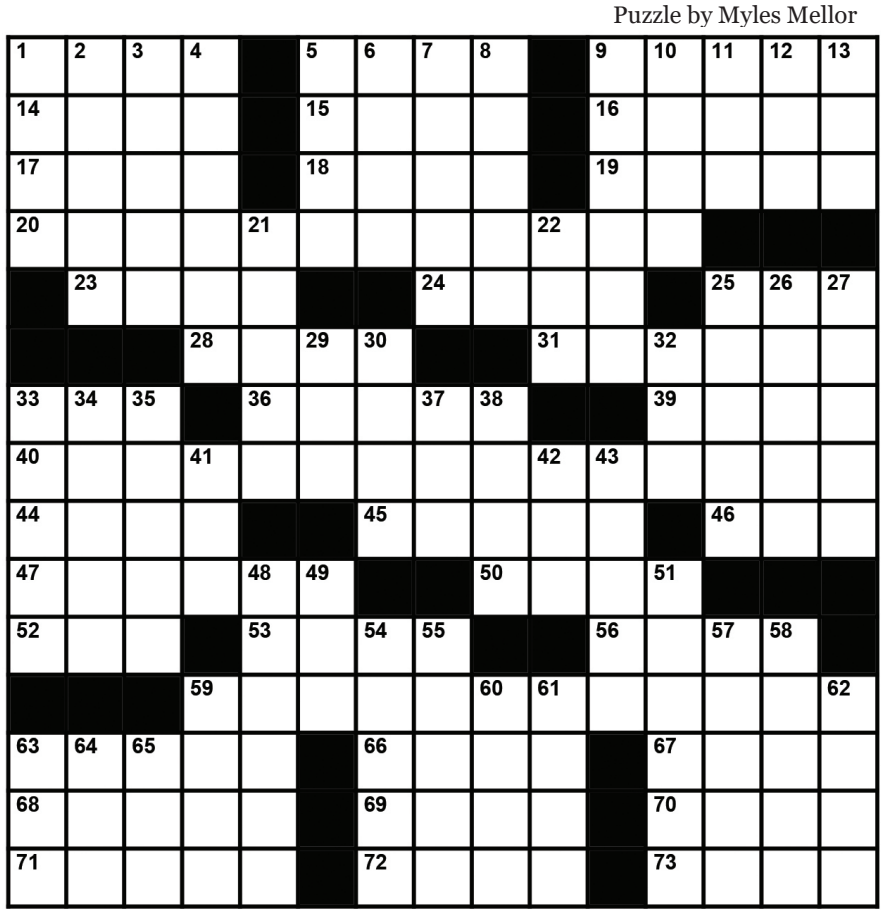
The complex received $500,000 from OTF through the Ontario150 Community Capital Program, along with a matched contribution from the Town.

The arena now features modern aesthetics, and the renovation has extended the useful life of the facility.

Residents, groups and clubs are invited to visit the arena. The Town has 10 recreation facilities with programs and activities for all ages.

PDN Crossword

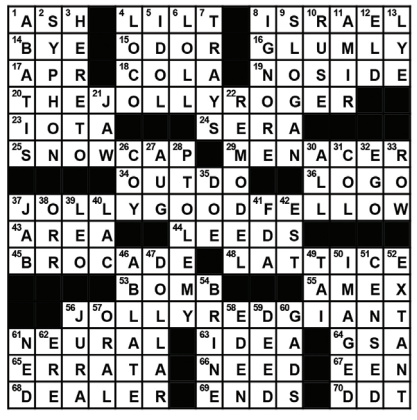
Puzzle by Myles Mellor



Across
1. Old king in Iran
5. Light throw
9. Worse, as excuses go
14. Rookie
15. _____operative
16. Suggest
17. Valhalla chief
18. "La Vie en Rose" singer
19. Lava
20. Computer animated film starring John C. Reilly
23. Gray
24. Let go
25. Kids game
28. "I'm such a klutz!"
31. Adjust
33. Biblical verb suffix
36. Clan emblem
39. It's often upped
40. Computer animated film starring Tom Hanks
44. Hindu language
45. Some kind of a nut
46. Catcher in the ___
47. Fido's ID
50. U.S. Cab. post
52. Lamb ma'am
53. Make bubbles
56. Drone, e.g.
59. Computer animated film starring Steve Carell
63. Grand vizier, e.g.
66. JFK approximations
67. "Crazy" bird
68. Church centerpiece
69. Small field
70. "___ the Fourth Generation" (Asimov story)
71. In a playful manner
72. Carla's portrayer on "Cheers"
73. Flake off

Down
1. Pack away
2. Many-headed serpent of myth
3. Sign after Pisces
4. Top dog
5. People of Brazil
6. "I'm working ____!"
7. Winter warmer
8. As yet
9. Mollusk with a low conical shell
10. Indian nanny
11. Prius's advantage
12. Common street name
13. Hand woven Norse carpet
21. Past capital of Japan
22. Flock's place, perhaps
25. Piano man?
26. Impatient
27. High flying birds
29. Veteran vote seeker
30. Run through
32. Road crew supply
33. Study musical technique
34. Discard
35. Leafy fund?
37. Before for a poet
38. Hand out
41. Wager
42. Marked, as a ballot
43. Vertical
48. Fatigued
49. Heating fuel
51. Summon for active duty
54. Primitive weapon
55. Thumb
57. "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" director
58. Carry on
59. Lentil sauce
60. TLC part
61. On the Caspian
62. Hydroxyl compound
63. ____ seul (dance solo)
64. Aggregate amount
65. Quarters for porkers
60. Moves restlessly
61. 'The Simpsons' neighbor Flanders
62. Formerly

Answers to Sept. 20 crossword



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